



2015 City of San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration and Official Events

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Marching Together from Past to Present for our Future

The 2015 City of San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration marks the 28th anniversary of the City's celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. King. Join one of the largest marches and commemorations in the U.S. aimed at honoring and continuing Dr. King's legacy.

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

\$\$ = There is a cost to attend the event.

Friday, Jan. 9, 2015

San Antonio Ivy Educational Fund 2015 Educational Enrichment Dinner (\$\$)

7 p.m.

University of the Incarnate Word (Sky Room), 847 E. Hildebrand

The San Antonio Ivy Educational Fund, Inc. presents, "An Evening with Dr. Cornel West." This year, this annual event will feature Dr. West, a prominent author, editor, professor, performer and commentator. He has a passion to communicate and to keep alive the legacy of Dr. King – a legacy of telling the truth and bearing witness to love and justice. For more information on the event and tickets, visit saief.org.

Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015

Oratorical Contest

10 a.m.

Second Baptist Church, 3310 E. Commerce St.

Sponsored by the San Antonio National Pan Hellenic Council, this oratorical contest features junior high and high school students presenting speeches on "How would Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. respond to the recent incidents of excessive force used by law enforcement authorities in the commission of their duties?" They will be competing for awards and prizes. For more information, contact Karl Nicholas at (210) 643-6177.

Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015

Baptist Ministers' Union Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service

7 p.m.

West End Baptist Church, 925 Culebra Rd.

The 2015 Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service will feature Pastor Robert C. Scott of Central Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri as this year's Gospel Messenger. The event promises to be an exciting evening filled with praise, worship and words of inspiration in celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. King.

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015

Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission Recognition – City Council Ceremonials

5 p.m.

City Council Chambers (Municipal Plaza Building), 114 W. Commerce Street

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission will receive a proclamation in honor of its service and continued dedication to putting on the most successful MLK March in the nation. The community is invited to attend.

Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015

MLK Jr. Commemorative Lecture Series

7:30 p.m.

Trinity University (Laurie Auditorium), One Trinity Place

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and Trinity University present the 2015 Commemorative Lecture Series featuring Tim Wise, one of the most prominent anti-racist writers and educators in the U.S. Recently named one of the “25 Visionaries Who are Changing Your World” by Utne Reader, Wise has spoken in all 50 states and is the author of six books. He is a regular scholarly and academic contributor to discussion about race. Wise has provided anti-racism training to teachers, journalists, government officials, medical personnel and others. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Soi Smith at (210) 999-7547.

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015

Alpha Educational Foundation 2015 Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast (\$\$)

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

DoubleTree by Hilton San Antonio Airport, 37 NE Loop 410

The Delta Rho Lambda Chapter’s Alpha Educational Fund of SA, Inc. of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. hosts its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. The event will feature Mayor Ivy R. Taylor as the invited guest speaker. For more information or ticket prices, visit deltarholambda.com or contact Dwayne Giles, (210) 286-9338, or Roy Walker, (210) 373-0696.

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015

Youth Empowerment Summit

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

St. Philip’s College, 1801 Martin Luther King Drive

The 2015 Youth Empowerment will partner with St. Philip’s college and City Year San Antonio. City Year San Antonio will engage participants with empowering and educational sessions to connect them to the idea of Dr. King’s belief in the beloved community, as a strong champion of City Year San Antonio. The Pre-K through 10 year-olds will be located in the Heritage room filled with various fine arts engagements for their group, including activities that will allow an opportunity to learn more about Dr. King and how to continue the legacy. The Youth Empowerment Summit also offers educational workshops for youth of all ages focusing on the academic areas of science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM). The event is free and open to the public. Youth of all ages are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Carla Walker at (210) 843-1913.

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015

Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner (\$\$)

Reception at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m.

Joint Base San Antonio – Lackland (Gateway Club), 1650 Kenly Avenue

The San Antonio Northwest Civic and Social Club sponsors this annual dinner. This year’s event, celebrating Dr. King’s 86th birthday, will feature City of San Antonio District 2 Councilman Keith A. Toney as guest speaker. The evening will also include entertainment and a celebration dance. For ticket prices and information, contact Van Johnson at (210) 364-8317 or visit sancsc.com.

Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015

Gospel Choir Extravaganza and Fundraiser (\$\$)

7 p.m.

New Creation Christian Fellowship, 8700 Fourwinds Drive

The Gospel Choir Extravaganza is organized by Henry Cisneros' American Sunrise for educational programs. The event will feature a singing competition with local gospel choirs, a team of judges, and audience voting participation. Grand prize award is \$5,000, second prize is \$2,500 and third prize is \$1,000. For more information on the event and tickets, visit nccfonline.org or call (210) 646-7997.

Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015

Wreath-laying Ceremony

2 p.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza, Intersection of E. Houston and N. New Braunfels

The Wreath Laying Ceremony brings together businesses and organizations to lay wreaths at the MLK, Jr. statue to honor the life, struggles and accomplishments of Dr. King. This year's guest speaker is Dennis Kennedy, Founder and CEO of the National Diversity Council. He has launched several statewide conferences focused on diversity, leadership and women in states around the country. For more information, contact Harold Moore at (210) 449-3830.

Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015

Interfaith Worship Service

4 p.m.

Temple Beth-El, 211 Bellknap Place

The 28th annual Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. citywide Interfaith Worship Service will feature guest speaker Rabbi Mara Nathan, the first woman to serve as senior rabbi of a major congregation in Texas. For more information, contact Dr. John Abdo at drjohnabdo@yahoo.com.

Monday, Jan. 19, 2015

Pre-March Worship Service

7 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy, 3501 Martin Luther King Drive

Individuals are invited to attend the Pre-March Worship Service that takes place before the MLK March. This year's keynote speaker is Apostle Cheryl R. Smith. Keeping in the spirit of Dr. King, this worship service includes music, dance, words of encouragement, prayer, poems and overall praise for Dr. King's work. For more information, contact Bishop Rosa L. Wilson at (210) 326-7738 or greaterfaithinstitutionalchurch@yahoo.com.

Monday, Jan. 19, 2015

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive

8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa

The Psi Alpha Chapter and the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center would like to have your support, which will benefit three other recipients with your one pint of blood donation. Earn a gift card for your support!

Monday, Jan. 19, 2015

Early Morning Worship Program

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa

Individuals who are unable to march are invited to attend the Martin Luther King Jr. Early Morning Worship Program at Pittman-Sullivan Park and enjoy a morning of music and spiritual uplifting.

Monday, Jan. 19, 2015

Martin Luther King, Jr. March

10 a.m.

The March begins at 10 a.m. at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy, 3501 Martin Luther King Drive, following the Pre-March Worship Service and ends at Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa St. The March route consists of approximately 2.5

miles along Martin Luther King Drive. Individuals as well as civic, social and religious organizations are encouraged to bring their banners and be a part of this unforgettable experience. For route information or VIA Park and Ride locations, visit sanantonio.gov/mlk.

Monday, Jan. 19, 2015

Commemorative Program

Noon

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa

The featured musical artist is Joe Ligon and the Mighty Clouds of Joy. Formed in 1955, the gospel group has earned three Grammy Awards. Eric Carrington, gospel singer and Houston native, will serve as special guest. Non-profit organization booths sell food and refreshments to the attendees to help raise funds for their own organizations. In addition, various information booths will be setup.

Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015

2nd Annual Dream Major Gala (\$\$)

6:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Omni Hotel San Antonio at the Colonnade, 821 Colonnade Blvd.

In commemoration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Pi Theta Lambda Chapter proudly presents the 2nd Annual DREAM MAJOR Gala to benefit the Pi Theta Lambda Educational Foundation, Inc. Headlining the event will be the Rev. Dr. James E. Coleman, Jr., Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program and Professor of Theology and Homiletics at the Virginia University in Lynchburg, Virginia. The formal evening will also feature the *Esprit de Martin* Dinner, reflections by Major General (Retired) Alfred Flowers, silent auction, and live entertainment. For more information, please visit www.dream-major.org.

City of San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship

Deadline: Friday, Feb. 20, 2015

Each year, as part of its celebration and focus on youth, the MLK Commission administers a Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Program. These scholarships help to fund a portion of the college tuition of several deserving students, regardless of race or ethnicity. This scholarship award ceremony will be held in Spring 2015. For more information and to download a copy of the application for the 2015 MLK, Jr. Scholarship, visit sanantonio.gov/mlk.

The community can help support students in achieving their higher education goals. Donations for the scholarship fund are accepted from the public and can be mailed to:

City of San Antonio MLK Commission

Attn: Gloria Villela-Santillan

City Manager's Office

PO Box 839966

San Antonio, TX 78283

Please make checks payable to: **City of San Antonio MLK Commission Scholarship**

San Antonio Public Library Martin Luther King, Jr. African American Heritage Month

February is African American History Month, an annual reflection on and celebration of achievements of African Americans. The San Antonio Public Library will host events and discussions throughout the month that take a modern look at the historical narrative. Events will take place at various branch locations. Visit MySAPL.org for a complete list.